

REMARKS

In the Decision, the Board reversed the rejections with respect to Claims 1-21 and upheld certain rejections with respect to the remaining claims. In order to place the Application in condition for allowance, Applicants cancel Claims 22- 42. All remaining claims are thus now in condition for allowance in accordance with the determination of the Board in the Decision. Applicants thus respectfully request that the Examiner issue a notice of allowance for Claims 1-21.

CONCLUSION

Applicants have made an earnest attempt to place the Application in condition for allowance. For the foregoing reasons, and for other reasons clearly apparent, Applicants respectfully request full allowance of all pending claims.

If the Examiner feels that a telephone conference or an interview would advance prosecution of the Application in any manner, the undersigned attorney for Applicants stands ready to conduct such a conference at the convenience of the Examiner.

Applicants believe that no filing fee is due. However, the Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any appropriate fees or credit any overpayments to Deposit Account No. 02-0384 of BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.

Respectfully submitted,

BAKER BOTTS L.L.P.
Attorneys for Applicants



Kurt M. Pankratz
Reg. No. 46,977

Date: April 20, 2006

Customer No. **05073**